



Summertime, Friends, Food and Stories

June 13, 2021 Open House Highlights Thank you to our friends who joined us! We had a great time visiting, expressing our gratitude for the continued support, sharing what is happening with READ this summer, and the plans for the fall. A short presentation gave insight into time spent in the field and the impression it made seeing the impact of this mission. Our presenters shared compelling stories of how God is moving and blessing the work of theological famine relief with the support of librarian training and providing access to digital classrooms. We discussed new opportunities for indigenous theological translation and going back to Bishkek in October.

We know this open house location limited your visits, but we will be taking this format on the road in the fall. We look forward to seeing more of you then!



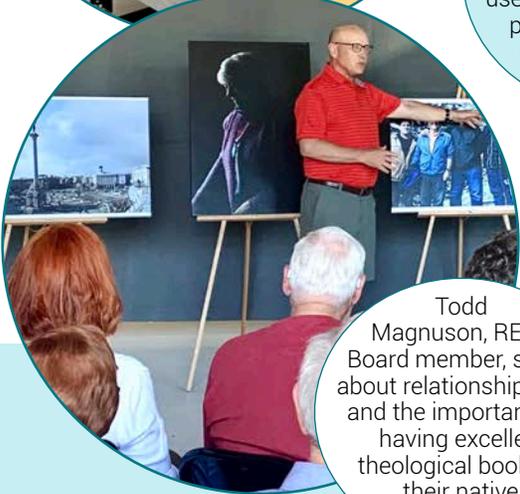
A lovely space for light refreshments was delightful to all as we visited around the table.



Bill Arvan, Foreign Projects Coordinator, always has a great story to share about God's strategy to use good books to help provide theological famine relief. Bill also



We had a great audience - it was wonderful to see all these friends!



Todd Magnuson, READ Board member, spoke about relationships built and the importance of having excellent theological books in their native language.

introduced our guest speakers who had stories of first-hand experience from the 2018 trip to Ukraine.

Guytano Magno visited Ukraine with Bill in 2018. He saw incredible evidence of the value of training ministry leaders and providing them with excellent resources



Steve Eckert, Exec Director, was passionate and encouraging while explaining the call-to-action regarding our Summer Challenge and Back to Bishkek trip to our guests.

...to help advance the Gospel. He was overwhelmed seeing how overjoyed these leaders were to receive their stack of books. "Better than a kid at Christmas."



This sunny conference room provided a nice atmosphere to view our Spring Update slideshow.



Blessings Upon Blessings Are How Visions Become Reality

Summer Match Challenge We've seen a blessing of generous support during the slow summer months! One READ partner offered to donate a \$15,000 matching grant **if we raise the same (designated) amount between June 1 and August 31**. Thank you for the funds committed during our Open House - we are halfway there! We are excited for this opportunity to multiply giving. Everything given toward the match will go straight to initiatives in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan.

1 100%

The full amount of the challenge must be raised for the match to be paid. It is an "all or nothing" matching grant.

2 TERMS

- The match amount must be deposited by August 31, 2021
- Pledges don't apply
- Funds must be raised between June 01, 2021 and August 31, 2021

3 PURPOSE

The funds raised for this match are to be used solely for Kyrgyzstan & Kazakhstan Projects, such as continued Librarian training, Pastors Conference, and translation of Dr. Charles Ryrie's *Basic Theology* in languages indigenous to these countries.

We will provide an update to this challenge at the end of July.

BACK TO BISHKEK OCTOBER 23, 2021

READ has been asked and has agreed to conduct a one-day equipping conference, in collaboration with the Baptist Union of Kyrgyzstan, on the topic of *Books in the Life of God's Servant*. Trusting God to provide the means, this gathering for 50 church leaders and ministers will be held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, this fall.

All who register and attend this READ-sponsored training event will receive a 20-volume theological library like our friend is holding in this picture.



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